

REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

Under section 35 of the *Charter of the French language* (CQLR, c. C-11), “The professional orders shall not issue permits except to persons whose knowledge of the official language is appropriate to the practice of their profession.”

A person is deemed to have this knowledge if:

1. he has pursued full time studies, for at least three years of secondary or post-secondary instruction provided in French;
2. he has passed the examinations of French mother tongue of the fourth or fifth year of secondary education;
3. he has obtained a certificate of secondary studies from Quebec, from the 1985-1986 academic year onward.

IMPORTANT: This question applies only to candidates from the University of Ottawa

Have you completed the 3 year program of civil law at the Faculty of Law in French?

YES NO

If the candidate checks “no”, he will automatically be classified as non-compliant with the *Charter of the French language* and will promptly receive instructions indicating the necessary steps to take.

If you checked NO, you must pass the French examination of the Office of the French language. The registration form will be provided when you will obtain a permit from the Barreau du Québec.

IMPORTANT: This question applies only to candidates from McGill University and those from the Committee of equivalence.

In which category do you classify yourself?

- Category 1:** I pursued, for at least three years, full time studies of secondary or post-secondary instruction provided in French;
- Category 2:** I passed the examinations of French mother tongue of the fourth or fifth year of secondary education;
- Category 3:** I obtained a certificate of secondary studies from Quebec, as of the 1985-1986 academic year;
- Category 4:** my situation does not comply with any of the categories mentioned above.

If you have checked category 1, 2 or 3, you must provide the documentation supporting your appropriate knowledge of French, either:

- a certified copy of proof of at least three years of secondary or post-secondary education provided in French or
- a certified copy of proof of the success of French language exams of the fourth or fifth year of secondary education or
- a certified copy of the graduation certificate obtained in Quebec, not prior to the 1985-1986 school year.

If you checked category 4, you must pass the French examination of the Office of the French language. The registration form will be provided when you will obtain a permit from the Barreau du Québec.

TERMS OF THE EVALUATION

If you cannot provide either of these documents, you must pass the French examination of the Office of the French Language. Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with the requirements of the *Charter of the French language*. We strongly suggest you to familiarize yourself with the procedures of the examination, particularly with regard to the applicable delays.

Specific section on the website of the Quebec Office of the French language:

http://www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca/francisation/ordres_prof/ordres.html

We remind you that until we have received the requested documents, your file will be considered incomplete and will not be studied by the Committee on the access to the profession. Under Article 45 of the *Act respecting the Barreau du Québec* (CQLR, c. B-1), your admission to the Bar of Quebec is conditional upon the approval of the Committee on the access to the profession. If this is not the case, we cannot submit your request for the issuance of a special permit, a temporary restrictive permit, law or a solicitor permit to the board of directors. It is therefore in your interest that you send us the required documents without delay.